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Picnic 2010
By Laurie Kistner



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Sunday, July 18th, 2010 was the date of our Annual Club Picnic, graciously hosted by the Andersons and "catered" by yours truly. Thanks to everyone who came...I hope you all enjoyed yourselves!

There are some very special people I wish to thank for their help with this event...without them, this could never have been pulled off!

- Cheryl and Richard Anderson, for letting us all invade their home and property for the day. Thank you for allowing me to take over your kitchen...and a special thanks to your extended family for setting up all the tables before we arrived. It made set-up a snap!
 - Anthony Lucido, NVMC member who donated the use of his car and time, and helped me pick up and deliver everything I needed for this event. Thanks for your patience and muscle-power!
 - Stewart Fox, for starting and continuing the tradition of a Corvette caravan to the picnic.
 - Don Ellenberger, for once again bringing those delicious heirloom tomatoes...everyone raved about them all day. What a great complement to the burgers and chicken!
 - The Uricks, for bringing their sound equipment and providing some great picnic tunes. What a slick set-up!
 - Al Jones and Andrej Balanc who grilled all the picnic meat in the most efficient way I've ever seen. We were eating burgers, chicken, brats, hotdogs, and coney's in no time flat.
 - Everyone who brought coolers and ice...can't keep drinks cold on a hot summer day without them.
- For those of you who did not make it, you missed out on a good time...hopefully you can make it next year! Laurie Kistner

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**Membership
Corner**

113 Active Members
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2 New Members
3 Prospective Members
119 Total

**SPECIAL ELECTION FOR
OFFICER AT LARGE**

President calls for Special Election to fill the position of OAL. Richard Mars has volunteered to take on the position but a vote must be held during the GBM.

If anyone else would like to be considered for the position and wants to submit their name prior to the vote, they will need to be in attendance.

Voting will take place at approximately 8:20, just prior to intermission.

Stewart

A note from the editor:

As you will notice, we have a number of vacant committee slots and many of those that are filled are by long-time incumbents that really could use some help in keeping the club rolling. For new members this is an excellent way to become involved and get to know your fellow enthusiasts.....which is how I became the editor. I couldn't tie half the names at the left to actual faces when I began, but being editor forced me to.....which was the first step into really enjoying the club as part of my extended family.

Please consider volunteering for a committee or as a worker for an event and you will get so much more from your NVCC.

Rich



PRESIDENT'S CORNER July 2010

July; and the thermometer is dancing around 102 for the last two days. This is some kind of heat wave. Despite the heat, I've been able to get out to several Corvette events and there are more on the calendar. First and foremost, we have the Car Control Clinic, nicknamed C-Cubed, on the calendar for August 7 at Summit Point. This is a traffic event, especially if you are new to Corvettes, as NVCC devotes an entire day to putting on a series of driving exercises meant to improve behind the wheel awareness and a better understanding of the dynamics associated with a high performance vehicle. Don't be intimidated though. If the Vette normally sits and waits for the weekend and your daily driver is a little 4-cylinder foreign job, you'll still get the best classroom and behind the wheel training that NVCC has to offer. If you haven't signed up yet, don't put it off. Time is running out.

Rounding out the month of June, it was my privilege to travel with Cassidy down to Virginia International Raceway (VIR) for the National Corvette Museum (NCM) two-day High Performance Driving Experience (HPDE). On Sunday afternoon, after arriving in Danville, VA, I pitched in at the central registration point to help "tech" the many Corvettes that would be running at VIR the following two days. I would guess that over 100 cars rolled through the tech line in a 3-hour period. It was a very impressive collection of high performance Americana. While I was not an on-track participant this time, I did get some right seat time so I can at least say that I have seen VIR from the cockpit. It's an impressive facility. I can also say that NVCC was well represented in the Instructor ranks by Cassidy, Andrej, Joe Holzer, and former member Jim Anderson. Did I mention that it was 100 degrees all three days that we were there ?

Another group that had a strong presence at VIR was Corvette Club of America (MD). They had a total of ten drivers at the event. In addition, Cassidy and I spoke to several of the CCA officers at length about our Teen Driving School program. They assisted us back in May and there was discussion about potentially helping them put on their first TDS next spring. It would be very exciting to help another club further this worthy event. Stay tuned for further developments.

On July 11, it was Auto-Cross time in Columbia MD, hosted by CCA & BACC. NVCC saw 7 members in attendance that day and all had a good time except for a certain Chief Instructor that got swallowed by the Cone Monster. Thanks for joining me for the day go to: Barb Foor, Marsha Batchellor, Andrej Balanc, Cassidy Nolen, John Palmgren, Mike Rathbun, and Dana Root. It was fun !

The following Sunday, I was proud to lead a dozen Corvettes and a Miata from Dulles Town Center out to Richard Anderson's farm for the annual NVCC Club Picnic. The cruise was a leisurely 90 minutes or so, out Route 7 to Leesburg, then up Route 9 to Charles Town where we made a pit stop at the local Sheets so we could look at all the Harleys lined up (I mean so the Harley riders could stare at all the Vettes that pulled in and blocked their exit route). Another 20 minutes out of Charles Town, we were crossing I-81 and headed to the farm where Laurie and crew had all the fixings ready for a first class picnic. Thank you Richard, Cheryl, and Laurie for making this happen once again. That's all for now, see you at C-Cubed !

Check the brake fluid, change the oil, put a little air in the tires, rub on some wax, and hang on for another action packed season with your friends at NVCC. Come out and join the fun !

NVCC Social Calendar August 2010 - Laurie Kistner, Social Director



Sun. 8/1/10 - Garage Day @ DIY Mechanics from 10 AM - 2 PM. This is a follow-up to the Auto Maintenance 101 event held on 7/22. This is a do-it-yourself/hands-on session where members can use the lifts and work on their cars. This will include basic maintenance only and we will be taking sign-ups for 2 hour long time-slots, two cars scheduled per lift. (no transmission swaps, etc) If you have any questions or want to sign up for lift time, please contact Paul Benish at firebird@ginch.org ASAP. Address: 21606 Cedar Lane, Suite 100, Sterling, VA 20166.

Sat. 8/7/10 - C³ Car Control Clinic. See flyer/registration form for details!

Sat. 8/7/10 - Finish the Race Ministries will be sponsoring a Car & Motorcycle Show and it will be held from 3-7 PM. All styles and classes of cars are welcome. There will be raffles; Sponsor, Participant and People's Choice Awards, as well as a kids splash and games far away from the cars! This event will have free admission, free registration and free food. For more information visit www.FinishTheRace.org or you can contact Courtney Hayden at (703) 403-4451.

Sat. 8/14/10 - The 21st Annual All Corvette Cruise-In, hosted by the ODCC and sponsored by Zip Corvettes. WE MUST GET THERE EARLY to get parking together as a group. Anywhere from 3-400 Vettes show up! When we arrive, we will park and immediately have a late lunch next door at the Olive Garden for all those interested and those wishing to just get out of the sun for a while before the event officially starts (2 PM). We will then return to our cars for polishing, enjoying the show, etc...

Admission is \$5 per Corvette and includes 1 raffle ticket (proceeds benefit the LAWS Abused Womens Shelter) and vendors are welcome. Spectators are free but donation encouraged.

Parking is first come, first served (no reserving spaces). Tents must be set up in the grassy common areas only. Dash plaques to the first 250 Corvettes. Mr. DJ will be playing oldies tunes. Great food and beverages at Big Joe's Pizza. There will also be many raffles, door prizes, and awards for the show. Please bring sunscreen/hats to protect yourselves from the sun. Some of us usually bring tents and coolers with water and refreshments...it will be very HOT!

Show coordinators: Mick or Leslie Lemish
Email: info@allcorvettecruisein.com
Website: <http://www.allcorvettecruisein.com>
Caravan/lunch coordinator: Laurie Kistner
Email: social@nvcorvetteclub.com

I will be leading this caravan, meeting place will be Newgate Plaza, next to the Sunoco station, Post Office, and Trader Joe's (intersection of Routes 28 and 29 in Centreville). Brief driver's meeting at 12:30 PM, departing at 12:45PM. All those wishing to join the club caravan and come to lunch need to email me at social@nvcorvetteclub.com.

Directions to the caravan start point are as follows: From 66 Westbound, take Exit 53A to Route 28 South and then take the Route 29 South Exit, immediately turning right into the parking lot. There is a Sunoco gas station, post office, bank, Trader Joe's, and Fast Eddie's in this plaza. Google Map

Directions to 7787 Sudley Rd (show location): *Rt 66 to exit 47A; South on Rt 234 (Sudley Rd) to 4th light; Left at light onto Sudley Manor Dr; Left at next light into shopping center (Best Buy)

Sun. 8/15/10 - G-Burg Vettes NCCC Concours and Two Fun Shows

Time: Registration starts at 7:30AM and closes at 10:00AM
Location: Criswell Chevrolet, 503 Quince Orchard Road, Gaithersburg MD 20878
Cost: Judged show is \$25, fun show is \$15 for one and \$25 for both fun shows, and all three events is \$50
NCCC Rules Apply
POC: Peter @240-375-6565 or Vinnie @301.503.3081
Show Flyer: http://gburgvettes.org/2010GBV_ShowFlyer.pdf

Sat. 8/21/10 - Test and tune/drag racing session - NVCC, NCOA, NVMC, and special invites

Where: Mason Dixon Dragway, Boonsboro, MD

Time: 8 AM-12 Noon (4hr Private Track Rental, UNLIMITED RUNS!)

Driver price: PayPal \$52.00 per driver to Enforcir@gmail.com OR mail \$50.00 per driver (check made out to Cyril Coburn) to: NVMC, PO Box 104, Amissville, VA 20106. Either of these pre-payment options must be done NLT a week ahead of the event. Pre-payment is preferable as we must have 30 pre-paid drivers 2 weeks ahead of the event or the event risks cancellation. Or you may pay \$60.00 cash per driver @ the gate the day of the event.

Spectator price: \$10.00 (Driver gets 1 crew member in FREE)

Special (Driver) Requirements:

*Mufflers mandatory

*1/4 sleeved shirt and pants, NO SHORTS or OPEN TOED SHOES

*Seat belts in working order

*Proper safety equipment per your vehicles performance level i.e. (helmets for cars faster than 13.99, roll bar for cars faster than 11.49, etc.)

*10 MPH speed limit in the pit area!!!

*NO air conditioning on in staging lanes, ALL windows up during burnout and run

At the gate you will:

*Pay your fee (if you did not pre-register)

*Get a wrist band (goes on left wrist)

*Sign competition waiver

*Get a tech inspection card to fill out and bring back to the staff

In the event of rain, call Ebby (703) 200-6803 or Ceece (703) 346-8151 if you have any questions regarding the event being on time. Directions to Mason Dixon Dragway are as follows: From Washington DC/NoVa: Take Route 270 N toward Frederick, MD. Take Rt. 70 W toward Hagerstown. Follow Rt. 70 until you reach Rt. 66 (Exit 35). Once at the bottom of the ramp turn LEFT onto Rt. 66 South, go about 1/2 miles until you reach Rt. 40 (you will see a Sheetz convenience store at the intersection), turn LEFT (east) on Rt. 40 and go just another 1/2 mile, the Dragstrip entrance will be on your right.

Sun. 8/22/10 - Sonic Cruise-in. New event this year! Join me for a 'twisties' cruise to Sonic Drive-in. For those unfamiliar with Sonic, it is a nostalgic burger joint with car hops (some on skates!) with a cool 50s/60s feel to it. The neon lights and retro feel will make for some creative photos of your Corvette! They have burgers, hotdogs, French fries, tater tots, salads, appetizers, shakes, their famous slushes, ice cream, etc. Complete menu can be found at www.sonicdrivein.com

Caravan meeting point details (drivers meeting at 11:45 AM, departure at 12:00 PM SHARP!):

Bristow Shopping Center parking lot (near the bank)

10438 Bristow Center Drive

Bristow, VA 20136

Please be sure you are ready to go (full tank of gas, restroom, and refreshment breaks completed) prior to the cruise departure. If you wish to join us, please send me an email at social@nvcorvetteclub.com ASAP.

Sun. 8/22/10 - The Pocono Mountains Corvette Club will be holding 6 People's Choice Fun Shows and 1 Judged Concours, beginning at 8:45 AM.

Sanction Numbers: ER-390-071, ER-390-072, ER-390-073, ER-390-074, ER-390-075, ER-390-076, ER-038-077

Location: Sussex County Community College, Newton, NJ

Email: pmcc@ernccc.org

More info: <http://www.ernccc.org/flyers/2010/ER-390-071.pdf>

Fri. 8/27/10 – Sun. 8/29/10 - Corvettes @ Carlisle! This is always a HUGE weekend-long event every year! Expect to see thousands of 'vettes in every model, year and color. Many vendors, swap meet, corvette auction, burnout and autocross competitions, and displays of all sorts to look at. It is the "Superbowl Sunday" of Vettedom.

I will be going up for one day only (Saturday, August 28th) and hopefully leading a caravan of fine 'vettes with me. We will meet in the Leesburg Premium Outlets parking lot (in the middle where the food court is, parking area #10, faces Route 15 Bypass) and take Route 15 through Maryland into Pennsylvania for a nice scenic drive. Drivers' meeting at 7:15 AM, leaving at 7:30 AM SHARP. PLEASE remember to bring your 2-way radios, and hit rest rooms/gas up your cars BEFORE you arrive at the meeting spot! In other words, be ready to roll, there are NO rest stops, it is only about a 1.5-hour trip! Once we arrive you are on your own to enjoy the many wonders of Corvettes at Carlisle.

If you wish to join this caravan to Carlisle, please email me at social@nvcorvetteclub.com. You MUST pay a registration fee at the gate if you have not pre-registered online. General admission is \$14 and children under 8 are free. A 4-day pass is \$40. Corvettes get to park on the fairground infield. Visit www.carlisleevents.com to read more details about the event (pre-registration is also available online, so hurry!). Bring lotsa money (and sunblock and good walking shoes)!

Directions to Leesburg Premium Outlets (caravan start point): Take VA-267 West (Dulles Greenway) to exit 1B. Merge onto US Route 15 Bypass North, right onto Fort Evans Road. Address is 241 Fort Evans Road NE, Leesburg, VA 20176.

Directions to Carlisle will be handed out at the drivers' meeting.

Coming soon...

Sat. 9/4/10 – Charles Town WV 2nd Annual Car Show
Mon. 9/6/10 – Labor Day Car Show/Cruise-in
Wed. 9/8/20 – Colonial Challenge Cup
Sun. 9/12/10 – All Corvette Drag Day/Fun Show
Sun. 9/26/10 – A Day @ the Beach Corvette Style Show

I hope you are all enjoying this hot, (or rather, HOT) summer we are having! Thanks again to all who supported the Annual Picnic. We still have a lot of great events coming up soon, including the inaugural cruise to Sonic. Can't think of a better way to beat the heat than grabbing a Cherry-Limeade slush!

If you have any events you would like to host, be sure to send me an email at social@nvcorvetteclub.com at your earliest convenience. Be sure to check out our website at www.nvcorvetteclub.com for continual updates and additions to our events calendar!

Since we have had untold amounts of problems with our current web host with regard to club email, I will be moving our website and email back to a virtual private server plan. This should make things go a whole lot smoother! As always, I will keep you all posted, and thank you for your patience.

Cheers,
Laurie Kistner
NVCC Social Director & Webmaster

The Origin of the Wave

From the August/September 1969 issue of Corvette News
Submitted for republication by Paul Benish

Ever since Corvette No. 00001 first met Corvette No. 00002 on the road, their drivers saluted each other with waves. Today, unfortunately, this grand and glorious tradition is wavering. WAVE WHEN YOU PASS ANOTHER CORVETTE!

There's one item of standard equipment that comes as a pleasant surprise to every new Corvette owner. It's an instant wave of recognition he or she receives when he meets one

of their ilks on the road. The first time it happens, they will be taken by surprise. He immediately thinks: 1. He has been mistaken for Sterling Moss. 2. His lights are on. 3. He has just been given the bird.

Soon, however, the new Vette owner anticipates, indeed even relishes, encountering other Vettes as he drives. During this period, he experiments with his waves, running the gamut from the gaping "yoo hoo" to the ultra cool "two finger flip." He perfects his timing, making sure he affects neither a too-early wave, nor the jaded "oh brother" too-late variety. Determined not to be one upped, he even develops a defense mechanism for non wavers, usually settling on the "Wave"? My hand was just on the way to scratch my head" approach. (This is especially useful when you're not driving your Vette, but you forget, and like a dummy, you wave anyway.)

Indeed, one of the most perplexing problems facing a would-be waver is what to do when driving next to a fellow Vette owner. Passing him going in opposite directions is one thing. Greetings are exchanged, and that's that. But what happens when you pull up next to a guy at a light, wave, nod, smile and then pull up to him at the next light, a block later? Wave again? Nod bashfully? Grin self-consciously? Ignore him? Or take the chicken's way out and turn down the next side street? If you're expecting an answer, you won't find it here. Sad to say, some questions don't have any. SAVE THE WAVE!

Girl-type Corvette drivers also have a unique problem: to wave or not to wave. This miss or misses who borrows her man's Corvette for the first time is immediately faced with this quandary. Should she wave first and look overly friendly, or ignore the wave and look like a snob? Most ladies who drive their own Vettes prefer to suffer the latter rather than take a chance of being misread. For this reason, all girls are excused for occasionally failing to return a well-meaning wave. So are new owners who are still learning the ropes.

There is no excuse, however, for a guy who refuses to return the wave, not out of ignorance, but of arrogance or apathy. While this type of behavior is the exception to the rule, it seems a few owners of newer models refuse to recognize anything older than theirs, while some others simply won't wave, period. Boo on them. These ding-a-lings don't seem to realize that they are helping to squash a tradition that had its beginnings back when most of us were still driving tootsietoys.



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June General Business Meeting Minutes

By Jerry Jerry Lelansky

NVCC General Business Meeting (GBM) June 22nd, 2010

Meeting brought to order at 7:30 PM at Koons Chevrolet Tysons Corner.

Attendees:

Stewart Fox - President
Paul Benish - Vice President
Laurie Kistner - Social/Webmaster
Cassidy Nolen - Chief Instructor
Lori Ann Collins - Historian
Michael Rathbun - Membership
Jerry Lelansky – Secretary
Chuck Pellerin - Officer at Large
John Palmgren - Publicity/Concours
Rich Anderson - Editor
General members

- Stewart opened with decision to use Roberts Rules of Order to keep the meeting moving.
- Everyone introduced themselves; we had a visitor from the San Antonio club, he is their National Corvette Museum (NCM) ambassador and Member At Large.
- WebMaster Updates:
 - Network Solutions suspended our email, but they wouldn't tell Laurie why. As of last night it was up and running.
 - Laurie wants a Virtual Private Server (VPS) instead of the Shared Hosting Provider as a VPS will give her more capabilities.
 - She will report back to the council on VPS research.
- Social:
 - There are several events the end of this month and in July. Please check out the NVCC calendar on our website.
 - Of note is our Annual Club Picnic at Rich Anderson's farm in WV on 7/18.
 - If you want to sponsor an event, contact Laurie at social@nvcorvetteclub.com.
- Lake Jackson Volunteer Fire Department car/truck/motorcycle show: We had a good time and showed our appreciation for their support of our Teen Driving School.
- Concours: great show on June 6th.
 - There were a few hiccups to start out, but we recovered.
 - John thanked everyone for their help.
 - John will not be able to do the Concours next year. If you want to take over, please contact John or the Council.
- Publicity: Information on the Car Control Clinic (C3) was sent to the East Region, www.Trackschedule.com and will be sent to www.motorsportreg.com this week.
- Garage Day:

- Do It Yourself Mechanics (www.ditymechanics.com), behind Best Buy in Sterling, offered us Maintenance 101 and Beginners Shop day. They were one of the vendors at our Concours.
 - Maint 101 will be on a weekday evening, either on 7/12 or 7/22.
 - Beginners Shop day will be on Aug 1st 10:00am-2:00pm to help prepare for C3. Will be able to do oil changes, brake checks, and other quick checks.
 - If everything goes well, we'll have another Shop day before Spook in October.
- Product/vendor demonstrations during an upcoming GBM.
 - Possible vendors: Tire Demo, Detailing 101, Lojack, Garage Hero/ *Wreaths* Across America.
- Treasurer's report: quick summary of our finances and that we need to send a check to the American Cancer Society.
- Chief Instructor:
 - C3 will be on August 7 and can pay online using PayPal.
 - Need workers for C3, to include registration; paid for the corner workers.
 - Will have several options: Taste of the Track, Beginners, Intermediate, and Advanced classes. The Advanced will be "diabolical".
 - NCM annual at Virginia International Raceway (VIR) in Danville VA. Cassidy and Stewart will be there.
- Membership:
 - Michael met with Fred Lockes and now has all the membership paperwork, information, etc.
 - If you aren't getting membership information, please send an email to membership@nvcorvetteclub.com
- Officer At Large:
 - Chuck is stepping down and Rich Mars volunteered to take over.
 - We will have a vote at next month's GBM.
- New Business:
 - Spook is on Halloween Weekend. Spook is a high speed driving event and will be on the Shenandoah Circuit at Summit Point, WV. Cassidy can't do this alone and can use a Spook Chair, which is open.

- July 23rd is “A Day at the Track” on the Shenandoah Circuit at Summit Point; there will be four driving and one classroom session.
- Historian Questions.
 1. The 40th Anniversary Corvette was painted what exterior color?
Answer: Ruby Red Metallic Winner: Rich Poage Prize: Super Goodie Bag: Jeg Hat, Camera, Wine Glass
 2. What was the first year for four headlights and factory installed seat belts?
Answer: 1958 Winner: Randy Urick Prize: Super Goodie Bag: Jeg Hat, Camera, Wine Glass
 3. The popular song “Little Red Corvette”, by Prince made the Corvette infamous. Finish the last line of this famous chorus:
 “Little Red Corvette
 Baby, U're much 2 fast

Little Red Corvette...”

Answer: U need 2 find a love that's gonna last

Winner: John Palmgren

- Raffle Prizes:
 1. Goodie bag and Amour All – Winner: Carol Offet
 2. Free Oil Change (Koons) – Winner: Randy Urick
 3. Corvette Chair – Winner: Linda Eriksen
 4. 50/50 Raffle \$42 – Winner: Carol Offet

Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM

Jerry Lelansky

Secretary

Philly Cheesesteak Adventure
 By Laurie Kistner and Pics by Dick Hammaker



Thanks to all who came out to the inaugural Philly Cheesesteak Run on Sunday, June 27th. We had about 10 cars and 15 people attend on a very HOT summer day. After everyone took care of business at our McDonald's meeting spot (coffee, food, restroom pit stop), we were off and running...

The drive up went well (we actually managed to stay somewhat together) even though we hit some traffic once we got into Philly...but that faded into the background as soon as we pulled into the restaurant parking lot (located conveniently under I-95). It was great to be able to eat in air-conditioned comfort rather than stand in line at Tony Luke's Pronto location across the street.

An unexpected bonus was getting to meet and take pictures with Tony Luke himself! Those of you who have watched Adam Richman take on the Ultimate Cheesesteak Challenge (5-pounder!) at Tony Luke's on the Travel Channel know what he looks like. Our sole Mustanger participant looks like he could be his brother!

On the way back, drivers could "choose their own adventure" - meaning that they could return to Northern Virginia via a quick route or travel a more scenic route on their own. The Pellerins explored Route 1, while myself and a few others took Route 301 to Route 50 across the Bay Bridge. Others who just wanted to get home hopped on I-95 South.

It was a long day, but a fun day. I hope everyone had a good time and enjoyed those cheesesteaks! Our Mustanger friend was kind enough to take pictures and some video of us cruising, be sure to check it out on our online forum.

This was my first time running this cruise with a group (the dry run was in the spring), so hopefully I have it streamlined enough to do it again in the fall or spring of next year.

Laurie



Northern Virginia Corvette Club proudly announces our newest driving event:

“C³: Car Control Clinic”

Come one, come all to our newest event, the Northern Virginia Corvette Club’s Car Control Clinic: C³ (or C-Cubed as the “cool” people call it!). Morning exercises, multimedia presentation, and afternoon lapping will keep attention and energy high, since there is much to learn in just one day. The Jefferson Circuit in Summit Point, West Virginia will play host to this great event on August 7th, 2010 from 7am until 4pm.

Groups will be set for beginners (with no track experience and wish to apply their driving to the street), intermediate drivers (folks who have some track experience and wish to work on advancing skills), and advanced (drivers wishing to get their competition licenses and master advanced techniques such as heel-toe and trail braking; with no speed restrictions). Amaze your friends and baffle your coworkers with all your newfound driving skills!

This all-day event is a BARGAIN at the \$190 price tag. This event is limited to a small set number of drivers in each group, for maximum amount of seat time. We even have a BRAND NEW feature called a “Taste of the Track”! This venue will allow drivers to experience a single session (at a GREATLY reduced rate) on the track at highway speeds. A total of 10 openings will be available for the Taste of the Track, at the low cost of \$40 for the partial day. Lunch will be provided to all that participate in the full day events.

Cars of all makes and models are welcome and encouraged to come out. When registering, please indicate your preference for placement in this event. NOTE: Helmets are required for ALL groups EXCEPT the Taste of the Track event. They must be an automotive helmet (SA 2000 or newer; no motorcycle helmets please) and can be rented (or purchased) from OG Racing (www.ogracing.com) if you do not already own one. These events can fill up quickly; register ASAP to secure your space! The cut off date for applications and final chance for refunds is July 31st –so sign up early!!

Fill out the application below and mail to:

Lori Benish, 21731 Ladbroke Grove Ct., Sterling, VA 20166

or email this information to historian@nvcorvetteclub.com.

Questions? For driving/ event questions, email Cassidy Nolen at chiefinstructor@nvcorvetteclub.com.

For registration questions, please email Lori Benish at historian@nvcorvetteclub.com.

A schedule and details for vehicle safety checks will follow as a confirmation of registration via email, so please provide your email information to stay informed and get more details about the event.

NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: (preferably a mobile phone you will have the day of the event) _____

Years of Driving Experience (street driving as a licensed driver): _____

Year, make and model of vehicle _____, _____, _____

Do you have any track experience? If so, please list the event(s) you have previously attended.

I would like to register for the following group (please check one of the boxes below):

- Beginner** (helmet required, convertibles ok) **Cost: \$190 (all day event)**
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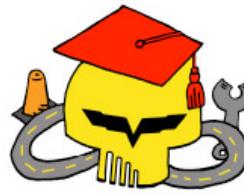
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A Free Teen Driving and Safety Program

SATURDAY, NOV. 13TH, 2010 FROM 7:45AM TO 4:00 PM
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Parents, this is for you too! Do you have teenage drivers in the house, and are worried about how they will handle "the unexpected" while driving in busy Northern Virginia traffic? Well, we have the solution! Send your teen driver out for a day of real driver training with the Northern Virginia Corvette Club. Your teen driver will learn how to properly control a car, why cars do what they do, how you should react, and how to take care of their cars! Everything anyone should know before getting behind the wheel and on the highways!

You and your teen will spend the day with knowledgeable and highly skilled driving instructors of the Northern Virginia Corvette Club. Under carefully controlled conditions in their normal vehicles (or their parents), we will put your young drivers through a series of exercises designed to extend driving skills and awareness of the road, as well as learn about safety and car maintenance! **Attendance includes a fabulous pizza lunch from a local pizza place, for both parent and teen.**

At least one parent or guardian must accompany each teen driver throughout the day! They will attend classroom sessions and ride with their teens, as they drive through exercises designed to help the new driver understand why they might lose control and how to prevent it. In the process, many parents say that they learn a lot, too!

All this is done at very slow speeds in a carefully designed, safe environment. It is far better for them to know what to do beforehand, in controlled conditions, than to experience a problem out on the highway or public roads and not know what to do!

This driving school is free, but the class size is limited to 40. These events fill up fast -and we do keep an ongoing waiting list throughout the year!! So register ASAP! **CORVETTE CLUB MEMBERSHIP IS NOT REQUIRED.** **Registration Closes Friday, November 5th, 2010.**

Certain limitations apply: We CANNOT accept drive-ins, car sharing, SUVs or vans (for safety reasons)!!! **The teen driver must have a learner's permit or valid driver's license to participate.**

More information will be available to parents and teens that register early. Confirmations will be emailed to all participants, which will have additional information about the event, so please give a valid email address when registering!

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DATE RECEIVED LEARNERS PERMIT OR DRIVERS LICENSE _____

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QUESTIONS? Contact Cassidy Nolen at chiefinstructor@nvcorvetteclub.com or Lori Benish at historian@nvcorvetteclub.com

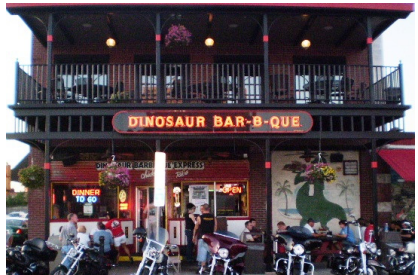
Vettes At The Beach By Laurie Kistner

Three Corvetters (Laurie Kistner, Don Ellenberger, and Dana Root) represented the NVCC at the 17th Annual Vettes at the Beach Show in Sylvan Beach, New York this past weekend (July 24-26, 2010). While Northern Virginia was sweating it out in triple digit heat, we pointed our cars north and enjoyed temperatures that hovered in the mid-80s instead.



We began our trek Saturday morning...our red and yellow Corvette caravan looked a little like a parade in Ronald McDonald's honor. Once we arrived in New York, we went a bit more 'highbrow' than usual and had dinner at Justin's Grill, a very nice steak house in the area. The next day we left at the crack of dawn and arrived in Sylvan Beach and snagged some waterfront parking for ourselves! There is no better backdrop for a Corvette than a sea view. We had a quick downpour for a few minutes but thankfully we had a tent to huddle

under. Once it blew over, everything dried out and the show resumed as a beautiful, sunny summer day at the beach. Over 500 Corvettes attended and I am happy to say that this year we secured the Longest Distance Award! Usually there are Corvettes driven from greater distance than us, but we won out this time (there was a Florida-tagged Corvette there but his home address is NY, a technicality I can live with).



After the show, we descended upon Dinosaur BBQ in downtown Syracuse for some award-winning eats. For those unaware, this restaurant is rated the #1 BBQ restaurant in the entire nation, as profiled on Good Morning America, the Food Network, and the Travel Channel. The likes of Adam Richman from Man vs Food and Dan Akroyd have eaten here.

The next day (Monday), we headed out on the Thruway and had a nice drive through New York wine country to Watkins Glen International. Once there, we met up with some members of the Free State Corvette Club for some parade laps and photo opportunities at the Grandstand. It was great to be out on that track again and brought back great memories of my last HPDE there. Afterward, we shopped at the track gift shop and had lunch at the Harbor Hotel's Blue Point Grill before heading home down scenic Route 15. Many thanks to the fine members of FSCC for hosting us at The Glen!

I am looking forward to doing this event again next year, so feel free to join us! It really is one of the best Corvette trips of the year...hope to see you there!

Laurie Kistner



Ambassador Corner

By Donald Patrick

July 2010: CURRENT NEWS and ACTIVITIES

GM says Corvette will stay in BG

By JENNA MINK, The Daily News

Michigan television station reported rumor that production may move.

General Motors officials say the Corvette will continue to be made in Bowling Green despite wild speculation among the auto world that production could move. Officials refute rumors that Corvette production will move to Lansing, Mich., an idea that was sparked by a \$190 million project GM recently announced that would bring about 600 jobs to the Lansing plant. About 470 workers are employed at the General Motors Bowling Green Assembly Plant.

“There are no plans to have any significant changes as to how Corvettes are manufactured and where,” said David Caldwell, communications manager for Chevrolet.

“There’s really nothing going on here ... this chitter-chatter in Lansing has no direct application to Kentucky.”

A Lansing television news station picked up on the idea and fueled rumors that the Corvette might move, he said. The station interviewed an economist, who speculated that the project could fund Corvette production, and the president of the local United Auto Workers in Lansing, who said the plant is ready for any type of production, including the Corvette.

“That’s normal talk because you want to let the company know you can build whatever car you can,” said Eldon Renaud, president of the local UAW in Bowling Green. “I don’t think there’s anything to it.” Now, a few online news articles and several blogs have published speculation that Corvette production might move from Bowling Green.

Some argue that the Corvette is rear-wheel drive and, therefore, is a perfect match for the Michigan plant. Others argue that the Bowling Green plant assembles only one car and is dead weight for GM. But GM disputes those claims. “This is a very unique group of people and facility in the sense that they are very valuable to the specialty manufacturing that a great sports car like the Corvette requires,” Caldwell said about the Bowling Green plant. “It’s a specific and unique and highly skilled operation there that obviously has proven to do a very good job for a long time.”

The Corvette has been manufactured in Bowling Green for the past 29 years and has been one of the city’s major employers. It has also become a part of Bowling Green’s identity - many people associate the city with the Corvette.

Gov. Steve Beshear recently signed legislation into law at the Bowling Green plant, making the Corvette the state’s official sports car. GM also recently launched a commercial for the Corvette, parts of which were filmed in Bowling Green, said Andrea Hales, communications manager for the Bowling Green plant. And Chevrolet has launched a new program dubbed the Corvette Engine Build Experience, which allows customers who purchase a 2011 Corvette Z06 or ZR1 to travel to Wixom, Mich., and help make their cars’ engines. They then can watch their vehicle be assembled at the Bowling Green plant and have it delivered at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green.

This weekend, hundreds of Corvette enthusiasts from across the country will travel to Bowling Green to take part in the annual National Corvette Homecoming. Still, several local workers have expressed concerns about the rumors, but “they understand it’s pure speculation,” Hales said. And, for many workers, such rumors are not uncommon.



“We’ve heard speculation since we got here. There was speculation in St. Louis long before it came to Bowling Green,” Renaud said. “We’ve been here since 1981, and I think we’ve met every benchmark we were asked to and I’m confident we’ll just continue building good cars and keep it here.”

Corvette Racing Takes Third in Eventful Utah Grand Prix

Magnussen and O’Connell battle back to podium finish after Pit Lane penalty

SALT LAKE CITY - Sometimes the box score doesn't tell the whole story of a race. Corvette Racing's third-place finish in the American Le Mans Series Larry H. Miller Dealerships Utah Grand Prix was the result of a determined effort in the heat of the Utah high desert. Johnny O’Connell and Jan Magnussen overcame intense competition on the track and a penalty in the pit lane to take their No. 3 Compuware Corvette C6.R to a hard-earned podium finish at Miller Motorsports Park.



The No. 3 Corvette C6.R finished one lap behind the No. 62 Risi Competizione Ferrari 430 GT and the runner-up No. 92 Rahal Letterman BMW M3 GT. The No. 4 Corvette C6.R of Oliver Gavin and Olivier Beretta encountered an electrical problem on the second lap, finishing 10th after losing three laps to the leaders during repairs.

"We're not winning, and that's what we're here for, but we will," said Magnussen. "When we can have good results on our bad days, then I'm sure it will be fantastic on our good days."

O’Connell started seventh in the GT class, lost a spot in the opening laps, and then methodically began to overtake his rivals. He was fifth at 30 minutes into the 2-hour, 45-minute race, and third at the 50-minute mark. Magnussen then took over just as the first hour was completed, and set off in pursuit of the leaders.

"The idea is to push hard and stay out of trouble," said O’Connell. "At the start a GT car went inside of me, but we got that position back and then started picking guys off. The car was good under braking, and as the fuel load went down we were getting quicker. When (crew chief) Dan Binks is telling me that guys are coming back to me, that's like blood in the water for a shark."

As the air temperature climbed to 90 degrees and the track sizzled at 112 degrees, Magnussen put the heat on the second-place BMW of Bill Auberlen. The Dane pitted for fuel and tires with 36 minutes to go, but a brush with the air jack hose incurred a stop-and-go penalty. Magnussen emerged in fifth, and moved up to fourth when the No. 45 Porsche pitted. With nine minutes left on the clock, he passed the No. 92 BMW of Dirk Mueller for third coming out of Turn 6.

"It was a good, fair fight with both BMWs," Magnussen said. "I managed to get by for third after he made a small mistake. I faked a move going in and he reacted to it. It was unfortunate that we had that penalty in the pits. It was one of those small things - sometimes the luck goes your way and sometimes the luck goes against you. I think our year has been the latter so far."

Crew chief Binks explained: "When I unplugged the air jack wand, it bounced against the wall and went under the tire. At the time you get upset, but the officials made the right call. We got a penalty, and Jan raced his heart out to third."

The No. 4 Corvette's race unraveled on the second lap when it slowed in Turn 5 with no fuel pressure. Beretta's attempts to restart the car were futile, and it was towed into the pit lane. The Corvette crew quickly repaired an electrical connection and Beretta rejoined the fray.

"I made a good start, and suddenly the engine cut out," Beretta said. "I knew I could not restart the car by myself on the track. These are the kind of things you want to forget and think about the next race. We have had so much bad luck, I hope it will end soon."

The No. 4 Corvette pitted at 1:06 for fuel, tires, and a driver change as Oliver Gavin replaced Beretta. Gavin then ran to the finish on one set of Michelin tires, turning laps as fast as the leaders, but the deficit was too great to make up.

"The team showed great character today," said Corvette Racing program manager Doug Fehan. "You can't work any harder for a third-place finish than we did today. Hats off to Johnny, Jan and the crew for never giving up - their effort paid off with a podium finish, and that's important in the points race."

Larry H. Miller Dealerships Utah Grand Prix GT Results:

Pos./Drivers/Car/Laps

1. Melo/Bruni, Ferrari 430 GT, 85
2. Auberlen/Milner, BMW M3 GT, 85
- 3. O'Connell/Magnussen, Chevrolet Corvette C6.R, 84**
4. Mueller/Hand, BMW M3 GT, 84
5. Bergmeister/Long, Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, 84
6. Fisichella/Vilander, Ferrari 430 GT, 84
7. Sharp/van Overbeek, Ferrari 430 GT, 83
8. Brown/Cosmo, Ferrari 430 GT, 83
9. Sellers/Henzler, Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, 83
- 10. Gavin/Beretta, Chevrolet Corvette C6.R, 82**
11. Law/Neiman, Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, 81
12. Robertson/Robertson/Murry, Ford GT-R, 78
13. Dalziel/Goosens, Jaguar XKRS, 57



Pace Car Reunion Offers Behind the Scenes Access

September 22-24

This bi-annual event is expanded to include a road tour that will take you behind the scenes at many places not open to the public!

A kick-off is set for Wednesday, September 22 with a private Corvette Plant tour and visit with Bob Parcell, Plant Manager. Next is an update on the Motorsports Park project and guided Museum tour followed by a catered Meet 'n Greet drivers/ navigators meeting before staging and caravanning to Indianapolis.



Activities along the road tour include Chip Ganassi / Target Racing team garage tour, Indianapolis Motor Speedway and Hall of Fame Museum visit, Ray Skillman Car Collection viewing, dinner and visit at Andy Wolf's Car Collection, Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum visit, Milford Proving Ground laps, Pratt & Miller lunch and tour, GM's Heritage Collection viewing and more! This is definitely a behind-the-scenes tour you won't want to miss.

View the full event agenda and register online. Don't have a Pace Car? No worries! The caravan will include other Corvettes, followed by any metal cars.

V.I.P. Tour Discount Offer Extended

Due to the popularity of our V.I.P. Corvette Plant and Museum tour promotion the NCM have extended the deadline to participate to August 26! Book and use your tour by the deadline, and **save \$50 off the regular price.**

The 3-5 hour tour includes the GM Corvette Assembly Plant and The National Corvette Museum. Tours are more in-depth and include portions not included in the regular tours.

Regular price of tours is \$250 and includes up to four people in a group. Special pricing now until August 26 is \$200. Additional persons are \$50 each. Mention this special offer when booking. More information is online. You may also contact Gary Cockriel or Lori Bieschke at 800-205-4248 or by email gary@corvettemuseum.org or lori@corvettemuseum.org.



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Newsletter News ...

Well another month has slipped into history, with many successful events. I particularly wish to thank everyone for the flawlessly executed and well attended picnic at our farm. Cheryl and I sincerely appreciate the effort put into our "hosting" the picnic. Next year hopefully I will be in better shape and perhaps can expand the activities a bit beyond eating and socializing.

As always, please send me your thoughts, pics and ideas for the newsletter so it can continue to evolve to meet your needs.



Rich Anderson richard.anderson157@verizon.net

Next General Business Meetings:

Tuesday, Jul 27th at 7:30 pm

Tuesday, Aug 24th at 7:30pm

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